in the woods, or follow the track to the nearest station, which, according to my check here, is only twenty miles? Either plan would be just the thing for my rheumatism, I'm thinking! No, that wou't do," he continued. "If I were but twenty-five, instead of sixty, it might be well enough; but as such is not the case, I must look out for something else."

The narrow road seemed to afford the only outlet from the forest; and, cramming the offending hat upon his bald head with no gentle force, the portly Mr. Fiint started off, as briskly as his age and flesh would allow, to find the nearest heems, and there spend the night, or, at least, obtain shelter during the approaching storm. IRON FITTINGS Of every description. Estimates pr mptly He had traveled perhaps half a mile, when he saw before him a little opening among the trees, and presently came out upon a small cottage, udely built, standing alone by the badelde.

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deed a singular one.

Upon three flat stones burned a amail fire of wood, while in the mid-

dle of the apartment stood a figure with a countenance grim and forbid-ding, clad in a high-peaked hat, knee-breeches, and ancient doublet, flour-

breenhes, and ancient doublet, flour-ishing a glittering daggar before him

er, and this trusty daggar shall be buried to the hilt in his very vitale!"

And bringing his foot down with a stamp, the mysterious figure flourished

the daggar as though he were about to put his threat into execution upon

"My soul!" thought the speciator of this strange scene, now becoming alarmed; "the man is mad! It's some maniac, who has wandered into the tower. I must get out of this, quick; he may murder me if I stay."

heard:
"Aba! there he is! I have him

He gained the door, and strove to

There was no help for Mr. Flint, To remain in his hiding-place was to

be discovered; so creeping softly out, se gained the stairs once more.

His motions were evidently heard, for the maniac cried:

"Now I've got you, whoever you may be!"

But for some reason he did not succeed in finding the staircase readily,

and the terrified man was enabled to gain the first landing before the other

gan in earnest. Up, up tore the mer chant, the old stairs creaking beneath his weight; while close upor

'Don't murder me, friend! I've not

mad! Ha! hal ha! ain't this rich?"

"Rehearsing your part,! 'Ragpicker's Daughter!" cried Mr. Flint,

"Then you are not mad?"

"Mad? No!" laughed the man releasing him; "unless you call every
actor mad! I belong to a traveling
theatrical company; got caught in
the rain, ran in here, and as I had
my costume with me, was rehearsing
the man the company to performance.

Mutual explanations followed, and

Mutual explanations followed, and before the night was over, Mr. Flint found his maniac quite a sociable fellow; the more so as he happened to have a good cupply of provisions with him to which his mexpected quest did manie institut.

Marning cushical them to open the door, which proved to be simply

door, which proved to be simply swelled by the min, and Mr. Flint had

no difficulty, with the assistance of the actor, in obtaining conveyance to the nearest station, from which he

continued his journey.

And if at any time you should wish to put Josish Flint in a thorough good human, why, just ask him to relate the story of his night's adventure in the unit brick tower.

you know it!"

began to ascend.
Once on the stairs, the chase

ome imaginary victim.

from the room.



SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1884.

THE OLD SRICK TOWER.

Night was fast approaching, and he dark clouds which were gather-ng quickly around the tops of the listant bills indicated that the sultry July day was to terminate in a thun-

"Well, if this ain't a pretty pickle!" grumbled the unfortunate passenger.
"The idea of me, one of the richest merchants in Boston, left goodness knows where, with night and a storm coming on! What shall I do! Sleep in the woods, or follow the track to the passenger.

as he cried:
"Now, then, ye knaves! why detain me? Let me but at him—at
him! Let me but at you vile destroy

roadside.

The thunder was now growling in such a portentious manner, and the sky growing so very dark, as to render the storm a certainty; and, unwilling to run the risk of a wetting by seeking further, Mr. Filint determined to apply at this house for shelter, aninviting as it seemed.

Stumbling over the wood-pile, and treading on a mangy dog, who snapped spitefully at him in return, he knocked loudly on the open door.

A woman with unkempt helr, and clad in a faded callco, answered the summons, and sharply demanded his business.

"A shelter from the coming storm, my good woman, and perhaps for—" began the merchant.
"Good woman, indeed!" snapped "Good woman, indeed!" snapped the mistress of the house, in shrill accents. "Who do you think I am, I should like to know? I'm a lady, I want you to understand, if I ain't rigged out in city clothes!"

"My dear madam, I meant no offense," expectulated Mr. Flint.

"I don't care what you meant," eried the woman; "you can't have no lodging here! My man's away, and I don't want no strangers in the house, much less an unmannerly old fellow, who don't know a lady when he sees one! Come, move off the premises, or I'll set the dog on you!"
"But I tell you..."

"But I tell you—"
"Here, Jipy ! Jipy! wise him, buy!"
tereanied the woman.
"Bow! wow! wow! wow!" barked
the dog, in such close proxity to the
old gentleman's legs that he moved off the premises at a more rapid pace than he had moved for many a year, always excepting his chase for the

"Dear! dear! dear!" he exclaimed

"Dear! dear! dear!" he exclaimed, as he regained the road and retreated to a safe distance. "This is dreadfully discouraging. Where in the world shall I go?"

Discouraging enough it seemed; for the rain had now commenced to fall in large drops, and a sharp flash of lightning, followed by a desiening peal of thunder, made it manifest that he had not a moment to lose if he wished to escape a wetting.

He hurried on down the road, bon-

He hurried on down the road- hoping at each turn to discover some house whose occupants might prove more hospitable than those of the one he had left. one he had left.

But the forest grew thicker and thicker, and as the darkness deepened the rain fell faster and faster, until he

began to think he was indeed des-tined to pass the night in the woods, exposed to the full fury of the storm. exposed to the full fury of the storm.

As he gased hurriedly about him, hoping to discover some farm-house, he caught sight of a tail brick tower, standing on the summit of a constissable eminence, ava short distance from the read.

"What can that be?" questioned the merchant, as he gazed upon it.

"A look-out tower, observatory, or some such thing, I suppose. If I could only get in there, it would be better than sleeping in the woods, or

could only get in there, it would be better than sleeping in the woods, or being chased by dogs, at all events."

Strange and wild as was the appearance of the tower, rising naked above the tree-tops Mr. Flint determined to seek its shelter; so, leaving the road, he plunged boldly into the thick woods skirting the base of the bill.

It was by no means a pleasant or an easy task for a stout old gentleman of sixty to grope his way in the darkness through a tangled mass of blackberry and trier vines; and the pleasure was not in the least heightened by the cold rain, now coming down in

Notwithstanding these potent diffi-culties, however, Mr. Flint at length succeeded in reaching the summit of the hill, and came out of the woods fore the tower. It was a tall, round structure, of brick, about fifty feet in height, of an-cient appearance, and partially in

assing through the weather-beaten s, which stood half-open, as ugh inviting him to enter, he ad it behind him, and shook the ain frem his garments.
"Some old look-out, built when the

was clear," thought he, as he did my coctume with me, was reneared the part for our next performance that all." was, nor who built it, so long as it will shelter me for to-night.

"Good gracious! how it does come all, is it? I've made a fool of my-down! I may as well make myself self, I see. That's just my case exceptions of the companion of the companio

This was easily comprehensed, as a riskety staircase leading to the regions above and the lark agence behind it, comprised the whole.

Being quality fellered, Mr. Flint seated bilineally appropriate leavest employ from the staircase, and leaning back, remained, as the moments passed, listening to the pouring rain and the pealing thunder, which seemed at times ready to bring the old structure down about his head.

To this way an hour or two despread

slowly by, and as the sterns was ruging as fluority as ever, he do tripped to study the best explore

PERSONS AND THINGS King Alfonso is a bright elecution

The Keifer-Boynton investigation is Mr. William H. Vanderbilt has

worth \$1,000,000. Mrs. Fred W. Paramore, St. Louis belle, is dend. The gales have done great damage on the coasts of Great Britain. The bodies of Liegtenant DeLong comrades arrived at New York,

Six days and a half is all that is required for a letter from Beston to reach Portland, Oregon. Strawberries were first introduced into England in 1830, when they were imported from Flanders.

By a boiler explosion at West Cari-isla, Ohio, Tuesday, two men were killed and several injured. "Breakfast! I want no breakfast!"
rang out the voice, echoing through and through the old tower. "Thinkest these that flood could pass my lips, and she unaverged?"

"What can this mean" thought Mr. Flint, hardly knowing whether to advance or retrest; "what can it mean?"
"Ah!" he continued, his eyes falling upon a small opening in the partition, where a window might once have been; "I'll peep through there, and see who this can be."

Josiah Flint was by no means a The branch of the Southern Kansas railroad from Ottawa to Emporia will be open for business this month: An ice-gorge has flooded a suburb of London, Ont., and the people have been compelled to quit their homes. The Pueblo smelters are constantly increasing their capacity, and every few weeks a new furnace is blown in. A bill, granting nearly \$80,000,000, to the Canadian Pacific, passed the Dominion house of commons yester-Josiah Flint was by no means a coward, otherwise he would never

have dared to take this step; so, advancing toward the opening which was so high as to oblige him to stand on tiptoe in order to reach it, he cautiously peeped into the next room.

The sight which met his gaze was, in-Mrs. James Fisk, Jr., the widow of the phenomenal business man, is said to be in needy circumstances in Bos-

Secretary Lincoln is careworn, and the partial absence of his usual full, bushy beard, aids his appearance of Experiments in determining the height and velocity of clouds by means of photography are being made in England.

Twenty-eight convicts will be dis-missed from the Missouri penitentiary during February under the three-fourth's rule.

White's shoe factory at Holbrook, Mass., burned Wednesday morning, throwing three hundred hands out

At Bird's Point, Mo., eighteen houses were demolished by a storm, and all of New Madrid, Mo., is reported to be inundated. There are \$70,000,000 in fine house

And he was stealing softly out of the room, when the voice again was

Four hundred and fifty Republican pacity. "What's that?" cried the voice in Mahoning county, Ohio, have de-cided preferences for Blaine for Presi-"Oh! he's coming!" thought the all competitors as second choice.

Miss Mary E. Lee, the eldest daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, has recentinfortunate Flint, scrambling to his

feet and dashing down stairs.

Miss Mary E. Lee, the eldest daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, has recently returned to America after an absence of sight years passed abroad, where she has travelled extensively. As the result of a mateir factory in Denver matches have fallen in price open it; but, to his intense horror, it withstood all his efforts.

"Oh, it's fastened!" the new concern but without success.

New "Oh, it's fastened! it's fastened!"
cried the frightened man. "My fate
is sealed!" R. J. Burdette is 40, Bret Harte is 45, Mark Twain is 48, W. D. Howells is 46, Thomas Balley Aldrich is 45, Joaquin Miller is 42, James Russell Lowell is 64 and John G. Saxe is 68. And with the very blood carding lu his veins, he drew back into the darkness, and stretched himself be-Down came the pursuer. He tried the door; it remained fast. He then began to grope about, feeling his way by the walls.

Herr Wachtel, the great tenor, who deserted his wife and his droschke when he discovered he had a voice, is living with his second family in Berlin. He is said to be bitterly jealous of his own son, who is singing as

Major William Arthur, of the army, bears a strong personal resemblance to his brother, the President, though of lighter build and a more distinct-ively military bearing. He has seen a great deal of active service on the plains, and was a brave and efficient officer.

him pressed his pursuer, making the tower ring with his cries.

Of course the race could not be long continued, for the top of the tower was reached at last, and nothing re-The word "cops," as applied to policemen, is said to have originated from the copper badges they were first given to wear under Fernando Wood, in New York. The officers were first called "coppers," and this was contracted to "cops," nained for Josiah Flint but to stand his ground, or to lesp upon the tree-tops beneath him.

Scarce knowing what he did, he leaned over the parapet, and shouted loudly for help.

In an instant the man was upon The site of the Black Hole of Cal-

leaned over the parapet, and shouted could for help.

In an instant the man was upon him.

"Ab! now I've got you!" he cried, seising him from behind.

"Help! help!" acreemed Flint.

"Then! warder was friends! I've you with those recorded in history.

The clause regarding slavery in Gen. Gordon's proclamation is as follows: "I desire to restore your happiness, and so I have decided to permit the slave traffic. Every one having domestic servants may consider them their revents and their revents. them their property and dispose of

"Murder you, you fool!" exclaimed the other, as he tugged at the old man's coat-tails. "Who wants to murder you? Come back off that parapet, and stop your noise, or you'll be at the bottom of the tower before There was something reassuring in the tone, and Mr. Flint, a little less scriffied, slowly torned and controlled the supposed maniac.

"Now then," demanded the latter, what's all this row about?"

"Will be table libration." "Why, he talks like a reasonable man now!" exclaimed his capture, man now!" exclaimed his captive, aloud, adding, "I was afraid in your ravings, you would murder me!"
"My ravings!" exclaimed the other bursting into a loud laugh. "Oh, I understand it now!" You overheard me rebearsing my part in the Ragpicker's Daughter, and thought me mad! Ra! ha! ha! ain!t this rich?"
"Paharalne your part! Ras-

The immensity of the city of Loudon and the great soale on which the affairs of life move there are strikingly illustrated in the report of the present Commissioner of Police, for the year 1853. According to this document the tropolls now occupies a territory stly 700 square miles in extent, verse by more than 700,000 separate ses, and has a population of nearly

Walt Whitman, the "good gray po-el," is tall, erect and stout, and moves about with the aid of a large cano. bom his brow and still white beard give him a patriarchal appearance file chacks are fresh and residy; he forehead is deeply farrowed with he inoutal lines; his eyes are bright the but not large; his kps full; his cheek round and amouth; his serves are executed.

A Denver boy saed his father for money loaned him, and got judgment. Marriage for those who live in the liberian mines has peculiar, features.

Siberian mines has peculiar, features. When a prisoner desires to undertake it, the only thing necessary for him to do is to send in an application to the oversoer, who forthwith allots him a wife. Three days of probation are then allowed, and if any incompatibility of temper seems likely to arise the applicant may receive twenty-five lashes and another wife. This process is continued until he gets a wife to suit him. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt is thought wife to suit him.

A German explorer has described some curlous trees of the region about Lake Chad in Africa. The butter tree bears a peculiar nut whose oil is much used as a substitute for butter; a leguminous tree produces aseds from which a meal is made which is an exonlient food; while the wool-tree has a fruit which bursts like the pods of cotton and reveals a soft and lustrous mass of fibres, which may be used for a variety of purposes, such as stuffing cushions and mattresses.

cushions and mattresses.

As a striking instance of what can be attained by the blind, it is worth noting that the young lady who has for the last few nights been playing Ariol in the abartesoque of "The Temperal Theater, is quite blind. She was not originally cast for the purt, but has taken it in the absence of Mr. Hudspeth, and she directs her actions entirely by sound. More than this, owing to the temporary absence of the Miranda of the burlesque on Friday last, this blind lady took the part of the heroine for that evening; and although necessarily much prompted, and sometimes even "spoken for" by Miss Delavel—who, as Ferdinand, acts in a manner worthy of better surroundings—she actually of better surroundings—she actually went through the performance with-out exciting the slightest suspicion among the sudience as to her condi-The blind actress is the daughter of one of the property keepers at the theater. -Pull Mall Gasette,

In 1723 there lived in Pesth, the capital of Hungary, Karol Kowates, a shoemaker, whose ingenuity in cutting and carving on wood, etc., brought him into contact with Count Andrassy, with whom he became a favority. The count on his return. Andrassy, with whom he became a favorite. The count, on his return from a mission to Turkey, brought with him a piece of whitish clay, which had been presented to him as a curiosity on account of its extraordinarily light specific gravity. It struck the shoemaker that, being porous, it must be well adapted for pipes, as it would absorb the nicotine. The experiment was tried, and Karol out There are \$70,000,000 in fine houses along Fifth avenue, New York, yielding \$1,000,000 in taxes. Their average rental is \$500 per month.

Arabi Pasha says his greatest ambition now is to speak English fluently. He studies diligently, and is said to be making good progress.

Rugg, the condemned negro murderer, who escaped from the Queen's county, (N. Y.) jail, was again captured Wednesday afternoon and returned to prison.

Owing to the high rates changed by "Aba! there he is! I have him now! Dio, perjured wretch! Die the death of a deg!"

"He hears me!" gasped the merchant, now thoroughly alarmed. "I must get out of this place, or I shall surely be a dead man!"

Groping hurriedly on, his foot caught in a loose board, and down he came on the floor, his weighty form testing its strength to its utmost capacity.

Rugg, the condemned negro murderes to it, a clear brown polleh, instead of the white it previously had. Attributing this change in the tint to its proper source, he waxed the whole surface, and, pollshing the pipe again, smoked it, and noticed how admirable to own for protection ogainst fire.

Four hundred and fifty Republican noticemen, hearing of the wonderful numbered and fifty Republican of this singular unserted of ciay, imported it in considerable quantities for the manufacture of pes. The natural scarcity of this such esteemed article, and the great cost of importation in those days of limited facilities for transportation,

rendered its use exclusively confined to the richest European noblemen until 1830, when it became a more general article of trade. The first meerschaum pipe made by Karol Kowates has been preserved in the museum of New York, February 22.—This morning the remains of DeLong and his comrades were taken from the 45, Mark Twain is 48, W. D. Howells is 46, Thomas Bailey Aldrich is 45, Joaquin Miller is 42, James Russell Lowell is 64 and John G. Saxe is 68.

A Denver oleomargarine establishment manufactures a fon and a half per day and uses 250 gallons of freshmilk every twenty-four hours. It is not stated how much fat is used; the amount is probably something less than a ton. the prominent people in the carriages were Senator Warner Miller, the Chiefs of the Naval Buresu, General Hancock, Secretary of War Lincoln, the Russian Minister and Consul Gen-

eral, Postmaster General Gresham Secretary Chandler, and Commodore Upshur of the Navy. The procession went up Broadway and across the Broaklyn Bridge to the Navy Yard, where the bodies lie in state to-day. The day was observed by a general suspension of business, and flags were flying in the city and harbor at half

New York, February 22. Later the body of Collins was taken to the arm-ory of the 64th regiment of this city. To-morrow morning the requiem man will be celebrated in the cathedral after which the body will be placed on board the steamship City of Chicago and taken to Ireland. The other bodies will be taken to the church of bodies will be taken to the church of the Holy Trinity in this city to-mor-row, where services will be held. This is the church that Mrs. DeLong at-tends. After the ceremony the body of Dr. Ambier will be sent to Alexan-dria, that of Seaman Boyd to Phila-delphia, and those of DeLong and the others to the Woodhers services.

others to the Woodburn cemetery.
Philadelphia, February 22.—The body of Seaman Long is expected here to-day, and great crewis are gathered at the depot. Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian THE ORIGINAL"STARS AND STRIPES,"

For a stylish dimper party in Japan, it is a part of the etiquett that the guest may carry off with him such as has been served, but which he has not eaten. The host will furnish a box for each guest for the purpose. Thus the guest, in a delicate way, praises the quality of the food provided. It is polite to "clear the table" in Japan.

The stone upon which General Washington stood when he took the oath of office as the first President of the United States is now set in the wall of the main corridor of Bellevos Hospital, New York, but it is to be incorporated into the monument now in course of erection on the steps of the sub-treasury building is that city.

The Canon City Record says that George Lynch, a life couviet from Leadville, was sent from the Publication; to the Publication; to the Publication; to the Publication of the monument now intentiary to the Public insane asylum a few months ago. Last week, however, he appeared at the penitentiary with a certificate from Dr. Thormbs to the effect that he was sane, and demanded his old quarters.

The immensity of the city of Loudon and the content that the star was warded and not five pointed, as they should be Mrs John Ross was the first maker gentlemen that the design was wrong in that the stam were six-cornered and not five pointed, as they should be. This was corrected and other afterations made. Mrs. Ross' maiden name was Griscom. After the death of her husband, Mr. Boss, she married Ashburn, who died a prisoner of war in Mill Prison, England, and her third husband was John Claypois—the latter a lineal descendant of Oliver Cromwell. Mrs. Ross' first husband was the nephew of Col. George Ross, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

"How did you like my discourse this morning?" asked parson Goodenough of Deacon Lightweight, the vilage grocer, as they walked home from church one Sunday morning.

"Too long, brother; too long," replied the frank deacon. "I believe in having everything short."

NUMBER 5

Companions in arms-Twins. The woman's cause-Because, Far-in affilirs-Artesian wells. Belles of the bawl-Girl babies. Pressed for money -A suit of clother When you see a glass of water-

Straight from the shoulder-Th A miss is not as good as a mile, for a Miss has only two feet, while a mile

To the ladies, marriage is ever myster-y; but anything is better than perpetual miss-ery. The fact is generally known that Edward the First was the original crowned Ed. of Europa.

"I'm down to bed rock," said a hen-pecked husband, as he swayed the cradle containing a howling son and heir.

The custom of wearing bangs can be traced almost to the creation of the world. Cain, it will be remembered, banged Abel's head.

The Koran says, "God is with the patient." After the doctor is called in, however, it often happens that the patient is with his God. "Mother," said a slangy boy at the

table when company was present, "This butter is O. K., but the bread is N. G., and ought to get the G. B. Small boy: "Pa did you know ma ong before you married her?" Pa: "I didn't. I didn't know her intil long after I married her." When Clara was asked what she would do if a nice young man should ask her hand in marriage, she naively replied: "I don't think I'd no."

The turning of a woman into a pillar of salt was fair enough. Everything was done by Lot, and after the drawing he had a chance to get a freely wife.

Not a nall is used in the construction of houses in Japan. They are put to-gether by a method of mortising. In this country they are put together by a method of mortgaging.

Are all things what they seem?— New York Graphic. Not always. A sewing machine seams broadcioth sometimes, but it is iron and steel all the same, -Oil Olly Blissard.

"Why do set your cup of coffee on the chair, Mr. Jones?" asked a worthy landlady one morning at breakfast. "It's so very weak ma'am," replied Jones, "Ithought I would let it rest." "Is your wife acquainted with the dead languages?" asked the professor. May be she is," was the reply, "but the language she uses is entirely too warm to have been dead very long."

his nightmare. "Why dou't you get up as early as and the guests were eating them in you used to a few days ago?" angrily asked a wife of her lazy husband. "Because, my dear, it's sleep year," he grinned, as he turned over for an-

"My dear," said a wife to her rich but illiterate husband, "I want five

"What fur?" he inquired.
"Seal-skin fur," she said.
And she got it. A passenger offered the conductor a trade dollar for fair. The conductor examined it and remarked: "I don't went that piece of money." "Well give it to the company, then,"

plied the passenger. "Caw! caw!" screamed a Britisher; waving his umbrella at a street-car

"Get in you crow," said the con-The man was raven.

"Who was the first man?" saked a unday school teacher of her prodigy. "And who was the first woman?" He hesitated a moment, and then

Clara playfully tapped Augustus on the head as if knocking at the door. "Come in," said Augustus, face-

"Thanks, dear," said Clara. "I don't like to go into an empty recon. It's so cheerless and lonesome like, you know."

"What part of the turkey shall I help you to?" said Glipin to Witherspoon, who took dinner with him. "Ob, it's not material."
"Not material, sh! Well I geess if you had to carve it you'd think it was material—and mighty tough material, too."

The value of advertising has often been pointed out. A conspicuous instance occurred the other day. A young lady, employed in a large dry goods establishment, lost a bracelet. She advertised for it in several papers and on returning to the store in the morning found the bracelet under the country.

steamer was shoot to reach out for something before him; but the waiter, checking him explained; "That, sir, is descri," "Ots," said the hoosier, "I don't care if it's a wilderness. I am going to sat it all the same."

"Have you a soul for postry ?"
saked a wild-eyed man, as he entered
the editors office and threw down a
roll of manuscript.

"Well, I don't know about that,"
replied the editor, glassing at the bottom of his liberally proportioned boot;
"but I have a sole for posts."

The poet didn't stay.

"I thought," said the asnior Eag-gles, as he produced a standedous-look-ing flat bottle from his son's valled, that there was nothing but surgical

instruments in this bag."
"That's what I mid, dad."
"Then, vir, what do you call this?"
"That? Oh, that's my eye opener, dad; vary useful; indispensable I, assure you."

"Ob yes said the eldest Miss Culture at table d'hote the other evening, "I breakfasted yesterday with Mrs.

"And what under the our are they?"

ous of hearing the conversation be-tween his compliter and her finisher, posted himself in hearing distance resently, and listaned for two spirit hours. The following are the only words he heard during that time: He—"If lovie die, what'll dovie do "?"

She-"Dovie die, too," A man who bought a hadly-fitting suit that was too large for him was constantly taken to task by his good wife for his felly. One evening, as their little daughter was retiring they were much surprised to hear the following conclusion of her evening

"Please, God, make pa over again so his clother'll fit him, and then me won't mag at him no more." "In this spring chicken?" saked a traveler at a hotal dinner. "You, mit," answered the waiter

promptly. "How do you know?" saked the enter, solemnly.

"Coe, mh, when do cook tried to pull de jints open, day spreng right back again, sound as ever, mh."

"Conclusive," said the traveler, with a sigh, as he "passed" on spring

He said: "Woman are justly ashamed of her puns, for they were invariably wretahed; a woman could semi-arco-ally make a good pun, but she had to put her whole mind, and sometimes sit up all night, to make it work smoothly, while men could always make firsbelass puns off-hand."

She said: "It is no such thing; I can make as good a pun on any word as fast as any horrid man."

"Well," said the skaptical wretch, "ustice a pun on house-shoe."

"If you talk until you'r horse-shoe can't convince me," said the feeble-minded woman.

minded woman.

And he died.

Her father loved him—not, oft invited him—to keep away; but he
would hang around, for he was a very
fresh young man.

One day he approached the old man
and holdly demanded his daughter's
hand.

hand.
"What have you to offer in exchange?" asked the stern parents "My heart," said the gusher; then he added with a dash of facetiousness, "and I'll throw myself in."
"I understand," replied the old man; "something to boot,"
And he booted him clear through the front gate.

the front gate. "A short time ago a London pawn-broker was aroused about one o'clock A, N by a vigorous pounding at his street door. Hastily throwing on a dressing gown, he rushed to the win-dow and demanded:

"Who's there ?"
"I want to know the time," came
the response from the pavement, in
the familiar tones of a frequent cue-

tomer.
"What do you mean by calling me up at this time o' night to ask such a question as that?" replied the trate pawnbroker. "Wall, and to whom else should I come?" was the rejoinder, in husky accents. "You've got my watch!"

"You have driven horses a great deal, haven't you, George, dear?"
said a silvery voice from the depths of
a sealskin sacque, a few evenings ago.
"Oh, yes!" replied George, chirping to his trotter. "Tfiatter myself
that I can handle a horse as well as
the pert one."

the language she uses is entirely too warm to have been dead very long."

A minister once asked a condemned criminal in a Paris jail, "What kind of conscience have you?"

"It's as good as new," replied the prisoner, "for I have never used it."

A certain prominent physician with a large and lucrative practice is the possessor of two beautiful steeds. One of them he uses exclusively for his daily visits to patients. The other is his nightmare.

There were clam fritters for dinner,

There was a look of horror, and the egular joker observed :
"That joke is old and clammy."
Then the Oliver Twist of the house

mid:
"I clamor for more." "This is getting to be a public c'lamity," greated the solemn man at the foot of the table.

"Don't fritter your intellects away in this manner." observed the landlady, as she absentmindedly removed the sugar bowl out of reach. the sugar bowl out of reach.

In a street car were several gentlemen who passed away the time in telling jokes and anecdotes. Among them was a cranky individual who positively refused to enjoy the fun, and after each yarn he would remark:

"That's nothing new. I heard that years ago."

"Did you ever hear the anecdote of George Washington and the railroad conductor?" saked one of the company.

"Why, certainly," replied the cranky individual, "although I cannot now remember the droumstan-Seeing that the fire was getting low during the performance of a long concert plece, in a chility parlor, a gentleman asked his neighbor, in a whisper how he should stir the fire without the months ago a medical source of the months ago a medical source of the months ago a medical source of the months ago a medical source.

how he should stir the fire without interrupting the music.

"Between the bars," was the reply.

An indignant parent, in rebuking a refractory son, exclaimed:

"Remember who you are talking to, sir! I'm your father!"

To which the youth rejoined:

"Oh, come now! I hope you sin't goin' to blame me for that!"

What is that for ?" inquired the other.

Impecunious person—"Can you give me enough to get me a dinner, sir? I am very hungry; I haven't a cent of money or anything in the world that I can call my own."

Railway millionaire—"Neither have I—ha! ha!"

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physician—"a great deal worse. I cured him; and from what I know of her, she is not likely to forgive or forget it." "How is it that my gas bill is smaller than usual? I certainly con-sumed as much last month as the month previous."

month previous."
"The bill is according to the mater.
You are not burning as much gas in
the parior as you did the pravious
month." "On the contrary," said the man of the house, "we are burning more. Mouth before last my daughter was absent from home, and the gas was never left burning later than nine o'clock in the parior; but last week abs returned, and it is often twelve o'clock now before I hear the young man who calls on her take his description.

"Well, I am unable to explain it. I only know that I pees your house every night, and I notice through the window that the gas is always turned down very low."

"Hon, yes; just receipt the bill, please."

A STRANGE GEREMONY.

The locking up of the Tower of Lon en the porter, with an attendant appears before the main guard-hour pears before the main guard-hear carying a lantern, and calls out: "He cort Keys!" The guard, supplied always from the quent's household troops, then turns out and espect "Keys." cach sentry challenging a they pass his post, "Who goes there?" "Keys." asth sentry challenging a they pass his post, "Who goes there?" "Keys." After the gates are securely locked and hereof the procession to turns, the sentres discussing the name explanation as before. When they come in front of the guard-house the sentry stellinged thore gives a loud stamp will fine foot and demands. "Who goes there?" "Keys." "Whose Keys?" Queen Victoria's keys and all's well." The porter these calls out: "God blass Queen Victorials to which the main guard them present arms, the officer these the calls out: "What?" saked her friend.
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